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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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1. International Publication No. 01/29293, published April 26, 2001.
2. D F Lee et al. "Alternative Buffer Architectures for High Critical Current Density YBCO Superconducting Deposits on Rolling Assisted Biaxially-Textured Substrates", JAPANESE JOURNAL OF APPLIED PHYSICS, JAPAN SOCIETY OF APPLICATION PHYSICS, Tokyo, JP, vol. 38, no. 2B, 1999, pages L178-L180, XP000910949.

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3. Y. IJIMA et al., "Ion Beam Induced Growth Structure of Fluorite Type Oxide Films for Biaxially Textured HTSC Coated Conductors", MATERIALS RESEARCH SOCIETY SYMPOSIUM PROCEEDINGS, MATERIALS RESEARCH SOCIETY, Pittsburg, PA, co. 585, 2000, pages 45-54, XP001119125.
4. U.S. Patent No. 6,150,034, issued November 21, 2000.
5. International Patent Publication No. 02/47119, published June 13, 2002.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

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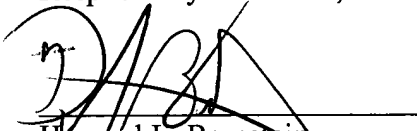
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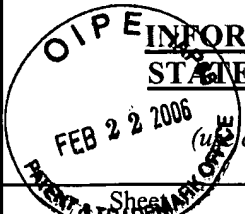
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